Loner Life in Another World 8

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CHATTER

CHATTER

I BET SHE NEVER THOUGHT SHE'D HAVE THIS KINDA LIFE AFTER BEING ON HER OWN FOR SO LONG.

ANGELICA SEEMS PRETTY LIVELY TODAY.

I SHOULDN'T PRY.

GUESS THEY'RE SHARING SOME SECRETS WITH EACH OTHER.

L-LET'S JUST GET HARUKA TO TAKE IT OR SOMETHING!

SQUISH

SQUISH

Infinite Tentaculator (Perpetual Tentacle Generator)

I-I DON'T THINK WE'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE THIS!

Eghh...

WE SURE GOT A WEIRD ITEM THE OTHER DAY...

JUST NEED TO USE MY DUNGEON KEEPER'S RING...

THEN I'LL MODIFY ITS FORM TO MAKE IT EVEN HARDER TO PASS THROUGH.

VKORP

FIRST, I'LL USE THE GOLEM'S BODY TO BLOCK THE WAY INTO OMUI...

KLONK

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AND VOILA! A BONA-FIDE BOGUS DUNGEON!

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LONER LIFE IN ANOTHER WORLD
Character List

Main Players: Omui

Haruka and his classmates have been using Omui as their base of operations, and the town has since grown thanks to our loner lad's fervent(?) efforts.

Haruka

Angelica

Stalker Girl

Melothosum
(Lord)

Merielle
(Lord's Daughter)

Team Class Rep.

The leaders of order in a class full of chaos. They're usually on Haruka's case for something or other.

Class Rep.

Vice Rep. A

Vice Rep. B

Vice Rep. C

Team Bimbo

A group of girls who originally drove out the nerds from their camp, they later changed their ways and began working for the good of the group! Haruka calls them "bimbos" because he's a bit of a dick.

Queen Bimbo
(Shimazaki)

Bimbo A

Bimbo B

Bimbo C

Bimbo D

Team Nerd

Boys who fit right in with their newfound fantasy life. They read a lot on the subject, after all! While they weren't anything special on Earth, here they're invaluable.

Nerd C

Nerd C

Nerd B

Nerd A
(Oda)

Team Jocks

Top-tier athletes on Earth, these locker room junkies helped their fellow classmates by teaming up against some troublemakers who wanted to disrupt their lives in this new world.

Soccer Jock

Swimming Jock

Running Jock

Judo Jock

Big, Dumb Jock
(Kakizaki)

Gymnastic Girl

Volleyball Girl B

Volleyball Girl A

Shield Girl

Underdressed Girl

Fish Girl

Artsy Girl

Chef Girl

Fashionista

Arts & Crafts Girl

Student Librarian

DA-DOOM

HELL YEAH! TUNNEL COM-PLETE!

YA-HOO!

POW POW!

THIS'LL HELP KEEP OUT ANY INTER-LOPERS!

Chapter 86

EASY PEASY.

ANYBODY CAN JUST WALTZ ON IN.

IT'S COMPLETELY EMPTY RIGHT NOW.

It's like an empty office building!

You can walk in and out, no problem!

WELL, WHEN IT'S FINISHED, ANYWAY...

CLATTER...

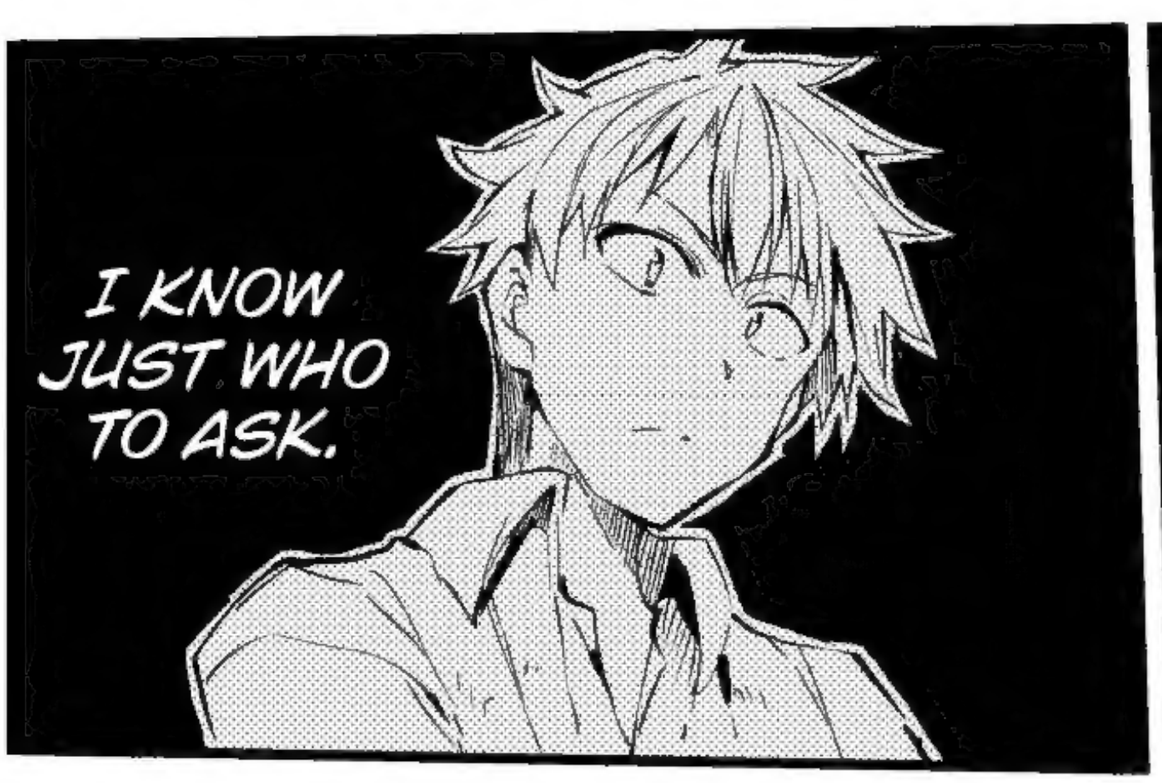
GYAAAARH!

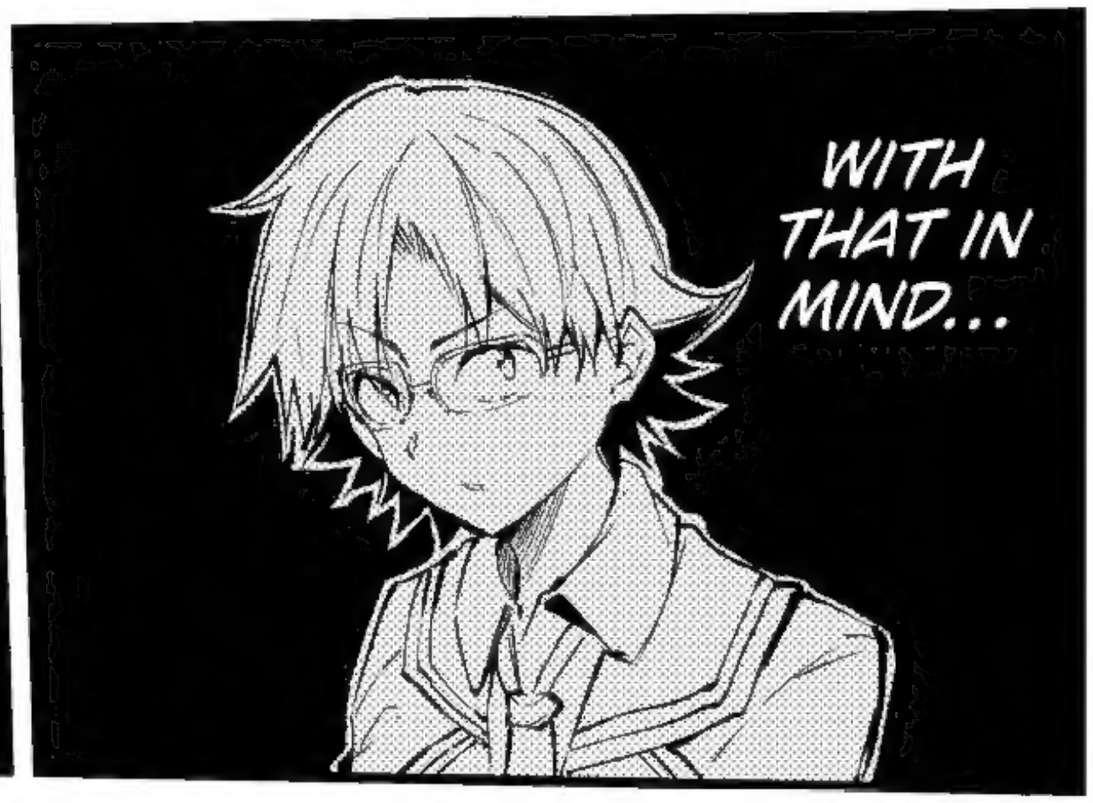
I GOTTA PLACE SOME CRAZY TRAPS TO KEEP ANY INVADERS OCCUPIED.

TIME TO GET TINKERING!

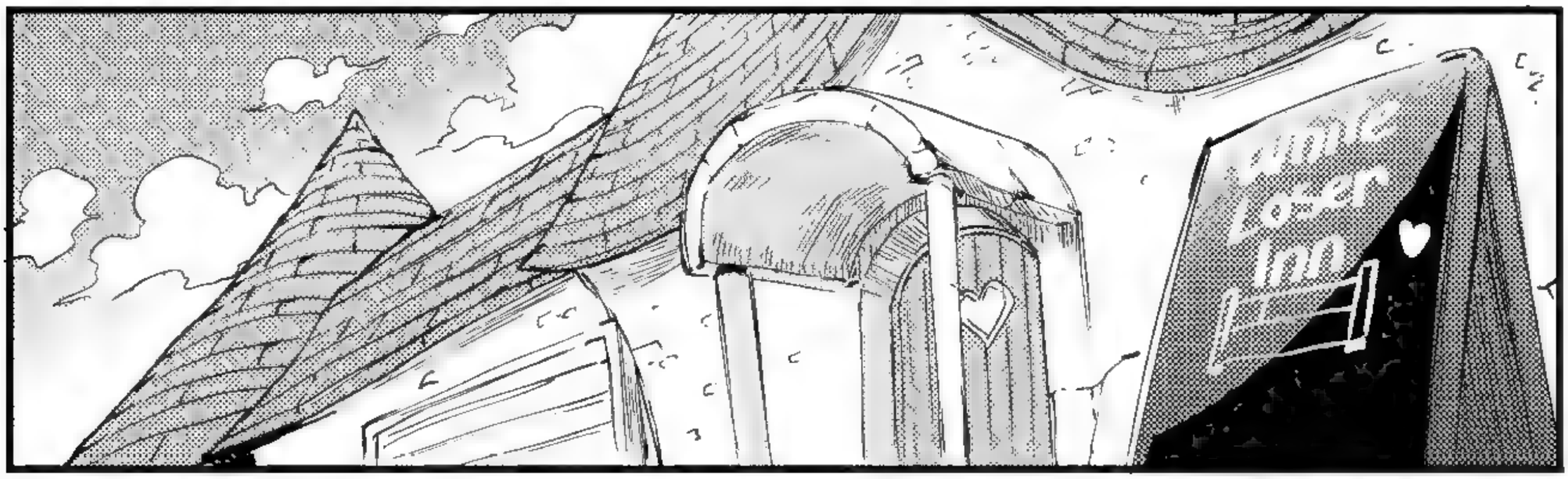
DA-
DOOM

HAVING HELP WILL, WELL, HELP.
I SHOULDN'T DO THIS ALONE, EVEN IF I AM A LONER...


I KNOW JUST WHO TO ASK.


WITH THAT IN MIND...

THE BOYS WILL ABSOLUTELY LOVE THIS PLAN!
ALL RIGHT!


WHA?!
REALLY, HARUKA? THAT'S YOUR BIG PLAN?
DUDE, YOU SERIOUSLY WANNA MAKE SOME TRAPS FOR A TOTALLY FAKE DUNGEON YOU MADE?!
I KNOW IT'S NOT THE SAFEST PLAN, BUT DO THEY REALLY HATE IT THAT MUCH...?
HUH? THIS ISN'T AT ALL THE RECEPTION I EXPECTED.

I AGREE WHOLE-HEARTED-LY!

GRIN

THAT SOUNDS WICKED COOL!

OBVIOUSLY! AND SOME SPRING-LOADED ARROWS AND SPEARS!

WE DEFINITELY GOTTA USE SOME BEAR TRAPS OR PITFALLS.

THEY'RE WAY INTO THIS!

FLUMP

HUH?

WOW...

THAT TOTALLY ROCKS!

Ooh!

WHAT ABOUT SOMETHING CORROSIVE THAT EATS AWAY THE FLESH OF WHOEVER IT ENSNARES?

ODA HAS A GOOD GRASP ON WHAT WE'RE CAPABLE OF DOING HERE.

WITH HIS AND THAT LOOTER LUNKHEAD'S BRAINS COMBINED, WE'LL HAVE AN INCREDIBLE TREASURE TROVE OF IDEAS!

WE HAD A CULTURAL FESTI-VAL?!

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. IT REMINDS ME OF WHEN WE CAME TOGETHER FOR THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL.

IT KINDA TAKES ME BACK TO SCHOOL.

YOU KNOW, TALKING LIKE THIS...

IT FEELS LIKE WE'VE GOTTEN WAY CLOSER.

IT'S LIKE, EVER SINCE WE CAME HERE...

DON'T YOU THINK SO, HARUKA?

BUT ME..!?

BEING TRANSPORTED TO THIS FANTASY...

PFFT. NO WAY.

IT REALLY HAS DONE WONDERS IN BRINGING THE CLASS TOGETHER.

LIKE I SAID, I JUST WANNA GET THIS OVER WITH ALREADY...

YOU KNOW, SO I CAN GO BACK TO BEING A LONER.

WE KNOW HOW HARD YOU'VE BEEN WORKING FOR ALL OF US.

WE GET IT, WE GET IT.

WE KNOW YOU DID IT TO HELP US LIVE MORE PEACEFULLY.

WHEN YOU PROTECTED OMUI FROM NAROGY...

LET'S START OPERATION: BOYS BUILD BADASS DUNGEON!

rustle rustle

Fidget fidget

ANYWAY, COME ON, COME ON!

HM?

ACTUALLY, CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING, HARUKA?

OH, NO WORRIES.

Eep! A scary dun-geon!

...HOW WILL THE MERCHANTS BE ABLE TO PASS THROUGH?

IF YOU'VE BLOCKED THE ONLY PATH INTO AND OUT OF OMUI...

KEEP ONE OF THESE ON YOU AND IT'LL UNLOCK A SAFE PASSAGE THROUGH THE DUNGEON.

Enchanted a flattened spellstone.

I MADE THESE SPECIAL PASSES.

OH, WOW! WHAT A GREAT IDEA!

This way, folks!

Woosh

Thank you!

I'LL ALSO CREATE A MASTER GOLEM GUIDANCE SYSTEM.

SOMETHING THAT'LL HELP GUIDE LOST OR NON-THREATENING TRAVELERS THROUGH.

PUSH

TIME TO GET OUR ASSES IN GEAR!

YEAH!

HERE'S ALL THE RAW MATERIALS WE NEED TO GET.

ANY-WHO...

scribble

I KNOW THE BEST PLACE WE CAN GATHER THEM!

KLIK KLIK

SCUTTLE SCUTTLE

THIS PLACE, HUH...

THE INSECT DUNGEON!

OUTTA OUR WAY, PESTS! WE'RE ON A WARPATH AND WON'T BE STOPPED!

GLARE

INSECT DUNGEON: FLOOR 45

...WE SPLIT INTO THREE GROUPS...

TEAM B

TEAM A

TEAM C

TO BETTER OUR GATHERING EFFICIENCY...

CLICK

...WITH ONE OBJECTIVE IN MIND!

Chapter 87

Chapter 87: “The Insect Dungeon”

SWIPE

Insectiron Scytheclaw

HUNT DOWN A TON OF BUGGIES AND HARVEST THEIR RAW MATERIALS!

YEAH!

MHM!

YOU'RE UP!

Giant Worm LV 39

KABOOM

RUMBLE

WHAT, WHY ME?!

ODA, YOU KILL IT.

HEH...

SLITHER

GYAAAAH! IT'S HUGE!

GROSS! HUGE AND GROSS!

WHOOSH

I'LL HANDLE THIS, LADIES!

IMPRESSIVE. BUT YOUR MUSCLES ALONE WON'T BE ABLE TO KILL IT.

DRAMO

NOT WHEN IT SPITS ACID!

FSH

ROOU

HE'LL BE DEAD IN FIVE SECONDS FLAT.

IF THAT THINGS SWALLOWS HIM...

GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE...

YOU WERE SAYING?

HE'S THE STRONGEST AND THE DUMBEST ATHLETE IN OUR CLASS.

SPIRAL SLASHER!

SCH

LOP

AH?

SUPL

GIMME SOME CREDIT, GUYS.

Couldn't you have lasted a LITTLE longer?!

YOU ACTUALLY GOT EATEN?!

THERE'S STUPID AND THEN THERE'S YOU!

NOTHING, NOTHING.

THE HELL IS THAT?!

FLOAT

PARA-LYZING DUST?

WHIZZ!

WHIZZ

THERE'S A MOTH MONSTER AFTER US NOW?!

Paralysis Moth
LV 39

I KNEW ODA WOULD BE ABLE TO COUNTERACT PARALYZING AGENTS.

I WASN'T WORRIED ABOUT THAT.

GLEAM

SO IT CAN FLY...

THAT'S NOTHING FOR ME!

IT'S THE FACT THAT IT KEEPS BUZZING AROUND!

FWOOSH

Skrrt

NOTCH NOTCH

PESKY BUGGER. IN THAT CASE...

EVEN WITH OTA'S SORCERY, IT'S HARD TO KEEP TRACK OF...

TRY DODGING A HUNDRED OF THESE!

HUNDRED-FOLD MANA SHOT

WAIT, DON'T TELL ME...

GULP

BLAM BLAM BLAM

NOTE TO SELF: DON'T MESS WITH SUPED-UP NERDS.

IT REALLY PUT UP A FIGHT...

THAT WAS WAY MORE THAN I CAN USUALLY HANDLE.

HEH...

MAN, THESE GUYS...

THEY'RE TOTALLY CHEATING WITH THOSE KINDA SKILLS!

YOU AS WELL.

NICE JOB, DUDE.

I'M SUPER JEALOUS! BUT THEY HAVE GROWN A LOT.

WE'RE ALMOST AT THE END OF THE DUNGEON. THERE'S PLENTY MORE TO FIND ON THIS FLOOR.

AND

Acidic Base

Paralysis Wing

WE GOT SOME REALLY GOOD STUFF HERE.

FOUND 'EM!

NICE, THEY DID WELL!

WE CAN MAKE SO MANY TRAPS AND GADGETS WITH ALL THIS.

HELL YEAH! WE GOT A TON!

RUMBLE RUMBLE

YOU GUYS GOOD?

SCUTTLE SCUTTLE

SCUTTLE

SCUTTLE

SCUTTLE

LOOK OUT! THEY'RE SURROUND-ING US!

SWISH

SCUTTLE

LOOK OUT! THEY'RE SUR-ROUND-ING US!

Dungeon Spider
LV 45

Chapter 88

PSH, C'MON, DUDE.

THEY'RE SMALL FRIES.

OH, CRAP!

UWOP

Chapter 88: "Who Needs Cheat Skills?!"

THERE'S TOO MANY OF 'EM!

DAMN IT!

THEY KEEP COMING!

JUST KILLING ONE OF THEM...

...SPAWNS TEN MORE!

Phuoh!

SCUTTLE

AAAH!!

HOW DO WE FEND OFF A SWARM LIKE THIS?!

EVERY-ONE FALL BACK!

IGNITING THIS HERE...

FIRE MAGIC

AH. THERE WE GO.

LET'S SEE... IT SHOULD BE HERE SOME-WHERE...

rustle

rustle

DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?!

HEY, LONER DUDE!

THESE BUGS ARE IN FOR A BAD TIME.

Insecticide Weed
Releases a toxic
anti-insect agent
when burned.

SCREE

SCREE

waft waft

DID YOU REALLY THINK...

YOU LITTLE BASTARDS GAVE US A REAL BAD HEADACHE.

FWOOOM

INVOCATION: GUST PURSUIT!

...I'D JUST LET THAT SLIDE?!

LUREDOM
OOF

SCUTTLE
BUT THERE ARE STILL SO MANY LEFT!

AMAZ-ING!
Whoa!
HE USED THEIR WEAKNESS AGAINST THEM!

WHOOMPH

I'M A LONER OF MY WORD.

BONK

I'LL USE MY PACKAGING MAGIC ON THIS WHOLE FLOOR TO CREATE AN INESCAPABLE BARRIER!

I TOLD YOU, YOU AREN'T GETTING AWAY FROM ME!

...BUT HE'S SO INCREDIBLY RESOURCEFUL!

HE MAY NOT HAVE THE SKILLS WE DO...

xug

Sticky Silk

AMAZING...

FWOOSH

...DOESN'T THAT MEAN...

HARUKA, IF YOU SEALED OFF THE ENTIRE FLOOR...

HUH? WAIT...

...

FLOOOOR

...WE'LL GET SMOKED OUT TOO?!

OOPS, MY BAD.

IT'S ONE THING TO AFFECT US...

MY eyes! MY poor eyes!

YOU IDIOT!

THINK BEFORE YOU ACT NEXT TIME!

KOFF KOFF

WHOOPS! SORRY ABOUT THAT.

I'D SAY WE GOT PRETTY LUCKY THERE, ACTUALLY.

Carapace Battlegarb

...BUT EVEN THE DUNGEON BOSS GOT CAUGHT UP IN YOUR SMOKE TRICKS!

SO LET'S GET TO MAKING SOME TRAPS!

BUT WE DO HAVE ALL THE MATERIALS WE NEED NOW...

COUNT ME IN.

YEAH!

PUTTING ALL OUR HEADS TOGETHER...

...WE WERE ABLE TO BRING OUR MISCHIEVOUS MACHINATIONS TO LIFE...

...RESULTING IN OUR VERY OWN PANDORA'S BOX!

HEH!

YOU COULD SAY THE SAME ABOUT US.

BUT NOTHING CAN TOP ITS EFFICIENCY!

IT'S NOT THE GREATEST LOOKING THING...

YOU'RE LOOKING RIGHT AT HIM.

AH!

Hell Yeah!

LET'S TURN THIS THING ON ALREADY!

WAIT A SEC-OND!

WHO'S THE LUCKY GUY THEN?

WE JUST NEED SOMEONE TO TEST IT OUT, RIGHT?

WE NEED TO CON-DUCT A TRIAL RUN FIRST.

KLONK

FAKE DUNGEON ACTIVATING IN THREE... TWO... ONE...

SUCCESS!

FWOOSH

Chapter 89

COM-MENCING TEST... NOW!

ALL RIGHT, HARUKA...

Chapter 89: “Aren’t These Cheat Traps a Bit Too Much?”

THIS IS JUST A PRECAUTION TO MAKE SURE OUR TRAPS DETER ANY/AND ALL INTRUDERS.

GONG GONG GONG

I'VE GOT MY OWN REASON.

ON THE SURFACE, ANYWAY.

I WANNA OUTSMART THE BRAINS BEHIND THESE TRAPS!

THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST BATCH, BUT I WANNA PROVE I CAN OVERCOME THEM!

WHICH IS WHY WE DIDN'T HOLD BACK.

THAT'S DEFINITELY WHAT HARUKA'S THINKING...

GONG

GONG

FOR THE FIRST TRIAL...

THE BALL SWINGS OF DOOM!

SLIP

THESE SERVE A RATHER SIMPLE PURPOSE.

TO WEED OUT ANYONE WHO ISN'T AGILE.

SKID

STUMBLE

?!

SMASH

YEAH, BUT IF WE KEEP HIM FOCUSED ON THE BALLS...

FWIP

FWIP

FIGURED HE'D DODGE THAT.

BWAH?!

HEY, WATCH IT!

THE HECK WAS THAT ABOUT?!

HUH? SPIDER WEBS?

DAMN IT, I CAN BARELY MOVE!

SNAG

HE WON'T NOTICE WHAT HE'S ABOUT TO STEP INTO.

UWAAH!

GNASH

TO FIGHT, OR TO FLEE, THAT IS THE QUESTION.

THIS TRAP TESTS YOUR ACUITY.

Wall Eel
LV 20

Fire Magic

I'LL JUST RUN THROUGH IT.

GULP

AH, NUTS.

WHICH ONE OF YOU CAME UP WITH THIS?

SO ANNOYING...

HE BURNED THROUGH THE WEBS?!

SNAP

SWISH

ROAAAAR

YOU HAVEN'T WON YET, HARUKA!

NOTHING CAN GET PAST OUR FURIOUS SEA OF FLAMES!

TAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE, AND MAKING IT POSSIBLE...

KLAK

KLUNK

SWOOSH

GRIN

HARUKA...

DID YOU *REALLY* THINK I HADN'T ACCOUNTED FOR THAT?

GWUH!

...IS EXACTLY HOW A LONER LIVES!

LEAPING OVER THE FLAMES PUTS ME AT THE HALFWAY MARK!

NO ONE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS THING!

PLONK

KOOK

OOSH

BOOK

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA HERE?!

HEY!

WHAT'S THE POINT OF A TEST IF YOU KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS?

SORRY, HARUKA! WE SLIPPED IT IN WITHOUT YOU KNOWING.

I SEE HOW IT IS...

MAN, YOU GOT ME THERE.

THE MUSCLE HEADS WERE A LITTLE MORE CLUELESS...

BUT THEY GOT STRONGER AND STRONGER, LENDING THEIR STRENGTH WHEN WE NEEDED IT MOST.

BACK WHEN THE GROUP SPLIT UP, ODA AND HIS FRIENDS WERE CAST OUT...

BUT THEY DIDN'T GIVE UP, AND THEY BECAME SOME OF OUR MOST RELIABLE COMRADES.

YOU GUYS...

YOU'VE ALL GROWN SO MUCH.

FINE, THEN.

I'LL GLADLY PROVE YOU WRONG.

YEAH! NO WAY WE LET YOU WIN THAT EASY!

DON'T THINK THAT WAS THE ONLY TRICK UP OUR SLEEVES!

YOU SO EASILY DOUBT ME?

HMPH...

...THEN I WON'T BE STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT OMUI!

IF I LOSE TO SOMETHING LIKE THIS...

Chapter 90

I WILL BEAT THIS TEST.

BIG TALK, HARU-KA...

BUT YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN' YET.

DOOM

THERE'S NO WAY I'LL LOSE TO YOU.

Chapter 90: "When a Lazy Loner Actually Tries"

GIVE IT ALL YOU GOT, DUDE.

I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM LIKE THIS BEFORE...

DASH

LET'S DO THIS...

THE FINAL TRIAL!

TAP

I WON'T LET THIS BLOW ME BACK!

HMPH!

WHIP

THIS THING'S ALREADY GOTTEN THE BEST OF ME ONCE...

TIME TO UTILIZE MY NEWFOUND SPOILS!

WEB-SHOOTER, GO!

SPRICH

WHOOOOSH

SPIDER-

NO WAY! HE GRABBED ONTO IT WITH WEB-BING?!

IT AIN'T OVER YET.

HE MIGHT STILL GET PUSHED BACK AGAIN.

GRIP

JUST GOTTA INCH TOWARD THE FAN...

I'VE EARNED THIS MOMENT!

...AND WHEN I GET CLOSE ENOUGH...

THIS IS MY CHANCE!

...THEN THIS KINDA THING IS JUST CHILD'S PLAY!

DONE AND DUSTED!

IF I WANT TO KEEP OMUI AND MY CLASSMATES SAFE...

FWWSH

FWWSH

NOT BAD, HARUKA. NOT BAD.

KA-CHK

WE'LL HAVE TO GO ALL OUT, THEN.

KA-CHK

SWISH

DRIVE OUT THE WICKED INTRUDER!

ALERT LEVEL: MAX!

HOLY WOW, TALK ABOUT AN ARROW AMBUSH!

BUT, EVEN WITH THIS...

...THE ONLY THING I'M CAUGHT IN...

PHEW...

SHUNK

TUP

THUD THUD THUD THUD

THUD THUD

...IS A HOT STREAK!

I CAN FEEL IT!

THE FIRE BUDDING IN ME WHEN THINGS ARE DIRE!

Grab

Damn it, he won!

ONCE I'M IN THE GROOVE...

...NOTHING CAN STOP ME!

C-CLASS REP?!

UWEEEH?!

STOP RIGHT THERE!

YOU GUYS!

JUST WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?!

AW, NUTS!

CLASS REP FOUND US!

Chapter 91

RATS...

JUST WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?!

YOU GUYS!

DAMN IT, STALKER GIRL!

NO MORE SNACKS FOR YOU!

!

HOW'D THEY FIND US?

AH! Y-YES, MA'AM!

LOOKS LIKE SOME-THING REALLY CAN STOP ME.

GET OVER HERE, YOU THREE!

Chapter 91: “The World’s Scariest Sermon”

CARE TO INQUIRE WHY WE MIGHT BE UPSET?

DA-

NOW, BOYS...

DOOM.

NOW LISTEN HERE, AND YOU LISTEN WELL...

FROM NOW ON...

BRACE FOR THE PUNISH-MENT...

AH, DAMN IT... I DON'T SEE A WAY OUT OF THIS... JUST GOTTA KEEP LOOKING...

WHY DID YOU EVER THINK IT WAS OKAY TO EXCLUDE US?

WAIT, WHY ARE YOU GRABBING ME?! I'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THIS NOW!

grasp

WAS IT BECAUSE YOU WERE DOING SOMETHING DANGEROUS?

...WE'LL HELP YOU WITH TESTING EVERY-THING!

WHAT?!

DA DUN

NOT A CHANCE!

WEREN'T YOU GONNA YELL AT US FOR DOING BAD STUFF OR WHAT-EVER?!

HWAH?! YOU WANNA HELP US?!

MHM!

YAAAA

AAAAY!

...YOU DIDN'T INVOLVE US IN SOMETHING SO INTER-ESTING!

WE'RE MAD BECAUSE...

...BUT IT'S REALLY DANGER-OUS, YOU KNOW? SHOULDN'T YOU REIN IT IN?

JUST A LITTLE?

I AP-PRECIATE THE SEN-TIMENT...

WE WANNA GET STRONGER TOO, SO WE'LL HELP YOU TEST EVERYTHING OUT.

PLEASE!
I WON'T BE
UPSET WITH
YOU ANYMORE,
SO PLEASE!

IT'LL
BE OKAY,
RIGHT?

HEY, WAIT!

Fight!

Fight!

What's got her so fired up?!

YOU TOO, ANGELICA?!

CLENCH

YIPPEE!

GAGAGAGA

F-FINE, WHAT-EVER... DO WHAT YOU WANT.

KLUNK

PULL THE LEVER, OTA.

GONG GONG

SWISH

I'LL BE THE ONE TO CONQUER THIS DUNGEON!

IT'S LIKE A THEME PARK! LET'S GOOO!

THIS ISN'T SOME HOLIDAY TRIP...

HUH?! WAIT WHAAAT?!

THE GUYS PUT A LOT OF EFFORT INTO MAKING THIS PLACE PRETTY DEADLY.

NO WAY YOU GET THROUGH IT SO EASILY.

You'll regret taking it so lightly.

KA-BLAM

HOW ARE THEY JUST SMASHING THROUGH EVERYTHING?!

KONK

SHOOM...

FZZooo

NO WAY! THESE TRAPS WERE MADE WITH CRAZY CHEAT SKILLS!

STAB STAB STAB

BUT THESE TRAPS ARE MUCH TOO ELABORATE AND DANGEROUS.

THINK YOU COULD MAKE THEM A LITTLE MORE AVENTURER-FRIENDLY?

THIS MIGHT SEEM ODD, GIVEN THAT WE JUST SMASHED EVERYTHING UP.

WH-WHEN DID THEY GET SO TOUGH?!

YOU DON'T WANT ME TO VETO THIS FAKE DUNGEON PLAN OF YOURS, DO YOU?

Heh heh heh...

JUST KIDDING!

CLASS REP...

YOU TOOK ON EVERYONE'S ANGER AFTER FIGURING ME OUT...

YOU KNOW THAT I'M DOING THIS TO KEEP OMUI SAFE, DON'T YOU?

THOSE GIRLS ARE SOMETHING ELSE...

Mm, yeah.

I GUESS WE CAN TWEAK SOME OF THIS...

WE DON'T WANT ANYONE DYING IN HERE, HUH?

Let's go back to our initial designs...

OH, THAT REMINDS ME!

!!!

BA-DUMP BA-DUMP

CAN YOU COME BACK TO MY ROOM WHEN WE'RE BACK AT THE INN?

THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN MEANING TO GET AROUND TO.

RUSH

HEY, CLASS REP!

knock knock

UHM, IT'S ME?

COME IN!

There's something I've been meaning to get around to.

Can you come back to my room when we're back at the inn?

JUST WHAT MIGHT HE WANT FROM ME?

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

Chapter 92

DAY 50

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

WHAT DOES HE NEED? WHAT DOES HE WANT FROM ME?

What will the others think?

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

glance

glance

I-IT'LL JUST BE HARUKA AND ME, ALONE, IN HIS ROOM...

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

BA-DUMP

ENOUGH WORRYING!

I'LL JUST GO IN AND FIND OUT!

Chapter 92: “The Way to a Woman’s Heart”

BONK BONK BONK

ANGELICA'S HERE TOO?!

ARRGH! WHAT WAS I EVEN THINKING?!

UGH...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

WHAT'S UP, CLASS REP?

GOT AN UPSET STOMACH OR SOMETHING?

VWOO...

IT'S ABOUT MY NEW SKILL.

WELL, I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

NOW WE CAN GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD.

WHAT ARE YOU MAKING...?

ALCHEMY!

Fwoop

BLO

OM

THAT'S INCRED-IBLE!

CLOTH-ING!

IF YOU TRY 'EM ON AND LIKE 'EM, WE COULD PROBABLY SELL THEM.

CLOTHES SEEMED LIKE THE BEST IDEA, AND I WANTED YOU TO CHECK THE QUALITY.

WE HAD SOME SPARE MATERI-ALS...

...SO I FIGURED I'D USE ALCHEMY TO MAKE IT ALL INTO STUFF.

I'M GONNA MAKE A BUNCH MORE. CAN YOU BE MY MODEL?

OF COURSE!

I WANNA HEAR YOUR OPIN-IONS.

KA-BLUSH

EH HEH HEH, THEY WERE TOO CUTE NOT TO TRY!

YOU ALREADY PUT SOME ON?!

SCOWL

AND THIS ONE IS PRETTY MASCULINE, BUT CHIC.

I THINK THIS ONE'S GOT A MORE MATURE LOOK TO IT.

SMIRK

WOW, YOU LOOK GREAT!

OOH!

H-HARUKA! I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS ONE!

IT'S A LITTLE TOO DARING!

THIS ONE DOESN'T QUITE FEEL LIKE ME...

I WANTED TO TRY SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE DARING.

LET'S HAVE ANGELICA TRY SOME ON.

nod nod

A-ARE YOU EVEN LISTEN-ING?! HARUKA!

Heh heh heh...

DARING, HUH? WHAT ABOUT THAT OVER THERE?

SURE! I'LL TRY IT ON!

WOW! GAL FASHION!

GAL

NO!

OH, MY! SHE LOOKS LIKE A PROPER LADY!

NO!

WHOA. SHE'S LIKE THE BOSS OF ALL BIMBOS, EXCEPT... WAY MORE SULTRY.

HARUKA, DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT WORD MEANS...?

YEAH, LIKE A NOBLE'S DAUGHTER OR SOMETHING.

VERY POSH!

WHAAA?! I DON'T REMEMBER MAKING THAT!

P-PLEASE, COVER YOUR-SELF!

WOW! SPORTS-WEAR! VERY FLAT-TERING!

SQUAT

WHAT HORRORS HAVE THESE HANDS OF MINE WROUGHT ...

GREAT STUFF, ANGEL-ICA!

WHAT'S THE NEXT OUTFIT?

SHE LOOKS RARING TO GO!

SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK? LAY IT ON ME.

WOULD ANYONE BUY THESE?

I'M NO SEAMSTER, AND I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT FASHION, SO...

THEY'RE INCREDIBLE!

EVERYTHING YOU MADE IS POSITIVELY ADORABLE! THEY'LL FLY OFF THE RACKS!

HARUKA...

NOT ONLY WERE THEY STYLISH...

...THEY WERE COMFY TO WEAR TOO!

R-REALLY? I JUST MIMICKED SOME OF THE DESIGNS I SAW AT THE STORE...

YOU THINK SO? I GUESS WE CAN KEEP GOING WITH THIS THEN.

THAT'S EVEN MORE IMPRESSIVE!

CLASS REP?

OH, YEAH.

SORRY, HARUKA...

SINCE THIS IS STILL IN DEVEL-OPMENT, THINK YOU CAN KEEP A LID ON THIS?

GREAT!

Squeeze

THESE WILL REALLY HELP BOLSTER OMUI'S ECONOMY.

WHEN IT COMES TO THESE KINDS OF THINGS...

CLATTER CLATTER CLATTER

SLAM

GWAH! THEY'RE ALREADY HERE?!

...A GIRL'S INTUITION IS MUCH SHARPER THAN ANY SEARCH SKILL.

GUESS THERE'S NO CHOICE...

CLAMOR CLAMOR

MAKE US SOME MORE, HARUKA!

WOW! SO MANY CLOTHES!

SO THIS IS WHERE THAT CUTE SMELL IS COMING FROM!

DA-DUN

CLENCH

I'LL MAKE YOU A TON OF OUTFITS!

I STILL OWE YOU ALL FOR THAT RING, AFTER ALL.

HUR-RAY!

AND SO, MY NOT-SO-SECRET VEN-TURE...

...OC-CUPIED ME DEEP INTO THE NIGHT.

WAIT... DID I ALREADY RUN OUT OF MATERIALS?

OMUI MANOR

WHERE ARE THEY...?

TICK TOCK

Chapter 93

SWOOSH

APOLOGIES FOR MY TARDINESS.

I MUST ADMIT, I WASN'T EXPECTING YOU.

I WAS EXPECTING A MESSENGER, BUT...

BONK

ACK!

Chapter 93: “A New Omui”

Fluster
fluster
I-IT'S FINE.
I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO BE IN THAT POSITION.
PAT PAT
YOU HELPED US A GREAT DEAL WITH NAROGY.
I'M SURE IT PUT YOU IN A DIFFICULT SPOT.
GRAB

AH, YES.

I'VE BROUGHT YOU SOME INTEL.

HM, ANY-WAY...

IT PERTAINS TO...

...HARUKA'S PLANS OF A NEW OMUI.

AND THAT'S ALL OF IT.

TO THINK HE PLANNED OUT SO MUCH FOR US.

INCREDI-BLE...

Road to Kingdom

Fake Dungeon

Garrison Settlement

Agricultural Zone

New Omui

Old Omui
→Garrison Settlement

Agricultural Zone

ALL THAT WOULD REMAIN WOULD BE ESTABLISHING GARRISONS TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH, WITH A NEW OMUI BETWEEN THEM.

USING THE NATURAL ADVANTAGE OF THE SOUTHERN FOREST AND THE MOUNTAINS SURROUNDING US... WE'D BE WELL AND TRULY FORTIFIED.

IF HE REALLY HAS BUILT AN IMPENETRABLE DUNGEON, IMMIGRATION WOULD BE EASY TO CONTROL AS WELL...

Kingdom

Kingdom Defense Plan

Narogy Territory

FINISHED

Fake Dungeon

Garrison Settler

...HE'S EVEN ACCOUNTED FOR THE KINGDOM...

HE UNDER-STANDS THE THREAT THEY POSE TO US!

BUT MORE THAN THAT...

I PON-DERED HOW HE'D KEEP US INDE-PENDENT FROM NAROGY...

BUT HE'S THOUGHT FAR BEYOND THAT...

HMM...

...WOULD SHOW SO MUCH CARE TO A PLACE I CALL HOME...

TO THINK THIS YOUNG BOY, A STRANGER TO MANY OF US...

YOU ARE...

HARUKA...

...AN EXEMPLARY YOUNG MAN. TRULY.

HE IS.

SHOULD ALL THIS COME TO PASS, I'D OWE HIM MORE THAN MY LIFE.

WHAT IS IT?

I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE NO-

COULD I ASK YOU OF ONE FINAL FAVOR?

I UNDERSTAND YOUR LOYALTY LIES WITH NAROGY, BUT WOULD YOU CONSIDER HELPING OMUI?

WHAT'S THIS, THEN?

DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WOULDN'T GIVE ME ANY-MORE?

OH, YEAH?

Rustle rustle

HM?

BUT YOU CUT ME OFF FROM SNACKS.

HEYO, STALK-ER GIRL.

THINK YOU CAN TAKE THIS TO MERRY'S DAD?

DUMMY, I WAS CLEARLY MESSIN' WITH YA.

DIDJA REALLY THINK I'D DEPRIVE YOU AND MAKE YOU GO BACK TO SHADY DEALINGS AGAIN?

YOU'RE PART OF OMUI. ONE OF US.

YOU DON'T JUST WORK FOR NAROGY, YOU KNOW.

I'M ALREADY IN YOUR SERVICE.

MY LORD ...

YOU SEE, THESE TREATS ACT AS AN ADVANCE PAYMENT.

IS THAT SO? THEN I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU.

HARUKA, WAKE UP...

...

Hey!

DAY 51

JOT

HARUKAAA... WAKE UP ALREADYYY...

OH, HE'S FINALLY AWAKE.

H-HUH? WHERE AM I?

UH, WHY ARE WE IN A DUNGEON?

Chapter 94

SO YOU REALLY WERE UNCONSCIOUS...

Sigh...

HEY, HOLD ON.

WHY THE HECK ARE WE IN HERE?

WE MET THIS MORNING ABOUT GOING DUNGEON DIVING.

YOU VOLUNTEERED TO COME WITH US.

BUT THEN YOU PASSED OUT...

...AND YOU SLEEPWALKED ALL THE WAY HERE WITH US.

ZZZ

JUST CUZ I'M A BLOCKHEAD DOESN'T MEAN I'M A PUPPET...

BUT SHE TOUCHED YOU AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN WAKE UP.

Blockhead Active

HUH? WHO TOUCHED ME?

CLASS REP! SHE WAS SQUEEZING YOU ALL, LIKE, SUUUPER TIGHT!

S-SUPER TIGHT?!

CLASS REP WAS FEELING ME UP IN MY SLEEP?!

Chapter 94: “The Ultimate Dungeon Boss”

WAIT.

WHY IS ANGELICA EMBARRASSED? DID SHE...

ANGELICA TOO!

LIAR! YOU'RE AS RED AS A TOMATO!

UWAAAH! YOU WERE?! YOU DID?! WHY?!

I-I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING!

WE JUST...

WE...

Haruka! We're at the dungeon!

HE'S NOT WAKING UP AT ALL...

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?

HE JUST NEEDS A LITTLE WAKE-UP KISS.

AND JUST WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

YOU'RE SO DENSE SOME-TIMES!

EVEN ANGELICA GETS IT.

SHOVE

SHOVE

I MEAN YOU BRING YOUR FACE CLOSE TO HIS!

...AND HE STILL DIDN'T WAKE UP!

WE EMBARRASSED OURSELVES LIKE THAT...

HUH?! HOLD UP!

DON'T I GET TO KNOW WHAT HAP-PENED?!

SUUURE.

NOD NOD NOD

WE'RE DONE TALKING ABOUT THIS! LET'S KEEP IT MOVING!

FIRST YOU WERE SLEEPWALKING, NOW YOU'RE READ-WALKING...

MAKE SURE YOU WATCH YOUR STEP.

Heh heh heh heh heh!

...NOTHING BEATS READING A GOOD BOOK!

STEP STEP

FLOOR 50

GOTTA SAY...

FWIP

C'MON, CLASS REP.

...

YOU'RE SO INCORRIGIBLE SOMETIMES...

Blacksmithing 4 Sillies

Botanical Guide

Weapon Skill Compendium

Skill Study

Country Living

WE JUST GOT A TON OF COOL BOOKS FROM THAT SECRET ROOM.

IT'D BE A WASTE NOT TO READ 'EM.

I GUESS.

IT MIGHT MEAN THE DUNGEON BOSS IS A WEAKER ONE.

ISN'T THAT A GOOD THING?

I WILL SAY, THOUGH, SOMETHING FEELS OFF ABOUT THIS PLACE...

WE KEEP FINDING SECRET ROOMS, AND WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE.

Presence Detection

OKAY...

EITHER WAY, THE BOSS IS CLOSE BY.

FWOO...

EVERYONE'S READY AND SET...

SHOW YOURSELF, MONSTER BOSS!

NOW!

SLORP

BLORBF

WHAAAT?! THE BOSS IS THAT LITTLE SLIME?!

TREMBLE TREMBLE

THIS ITTY-BITTY SLIME IS THE BOSS? FOR REAL?

WE FOUGHT WAY TOUGHER ENEMIES ON THE WAY HERE.

YUP!

THE TWO OF US ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO TAKE IT DOWN!

ON-WARD!

DASH

CHARGE!

THEY'VE GOT ANGELICA WITH THEM, SO I'LL SIT THIS ONE OUT.

IT'S PRETTY FAST, BUT ANGELICA CAN...

IT FLEW UP?!

OH. OH, I WAS SO VERY WRONG... THAT SLIME IS NO NORMAL SLIME...

TEMPEST LIGHTNING

IT'S THE STRONGEST ONE WE'VE FOUGHT SO FAR!

Dungeon Boss
Slime Emperor LV 100

SPARK SPARK

WAIT, NO WAY...

IF IT CAN FEND OFF ANGELICA, IT'S LEAGUES ABOVE ANYTHING ELSE WE'VE FOUGHT!

Chapter 95

IT CAN MANIPULATE WIND AND LIGHTNING?!

WHOOOO SHOOM

!

STAGGER

Chapter 95: “Level 100 Slime Emperor”

YOU GIRLS OKAY?!

FWOOSH

DON'T WORRY ABOUT US!

WE'LL BE FINE!

SK

WORRY ABOUT ANGELICA!

CLASH

CLASH

CLASH

SKID

!

BLO

RB

?!

CR

ASH

SHE'S NOT YOUR ONLY PLAYMATE, SLIMEY.

HEY.

THWACK

I CAN HANDLE IT FROM HERE, OKAY?

nod

I'VE BEEN WATCHING...

IT'S GOT CRAZY MAGIC, AND IT CAN MORPH INTO JUST ABOUT ANYTHING...

DASH

I'M THE ONE YOU WANT, SLIMEY.

BLURP

YOU'RE *MY* ENEMY NOW!

WHIZZ

I GOTTA DEAL WITH THAT PESKY ABILITY FIRST!

PLONK

WHAT'S MY NEXT MOVE?

NORMAL ATTACKS WON'T GET ME VERY FAR!

PLONK

!

WHACK

I WAS TOO BUSY THINKING INSTEAD OF DEFENDING!

DAMN IT!

WHAM

IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING, IT'S GONNA BEAT THE SNOT OUTTA ME!

BLAM BLAM BLAM

WHAM

THWACK

TWITCH
TWITCH

PACKAGING MAGIC, ACTIVATE!

GOTCHA.

OUR GAME OF TAG ENDS HERE, SLIMEY.

YOU'VE BEEN GOT!

SQUIRM

ALL ACCORDING TO PLAN! TAKES A BEATING TO DISH OUT A BEATING!

CAN'T TRANSFORM ANYMORE, LI'L GUY!

UNPP

WHUH?

NOW WE'VE CLEARED THE DUNGEON!

NO WAY!

SHAKOOM

IT'S... BREAKING THE BARRIER?!

SHA

TTER

IT CAN DO SOMETHING THAT INSANE?!

CRACKLE

CRACKLE

GRIP

IT'S STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT ...

BUT I WON'T LOSE HERE.

HOT DAMN...

HOW DO I DEAL WITH THIS?

ANGELICA IS UNDERLEVELED BECAUSE OF SERVITUDE. SHE CAN'T BEAT IT IN HER CURRENT STATE...

STAGGER

JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW TO GET OUTTA THIS...

...IS REALLY FIRING ME UP!

Chapter 96

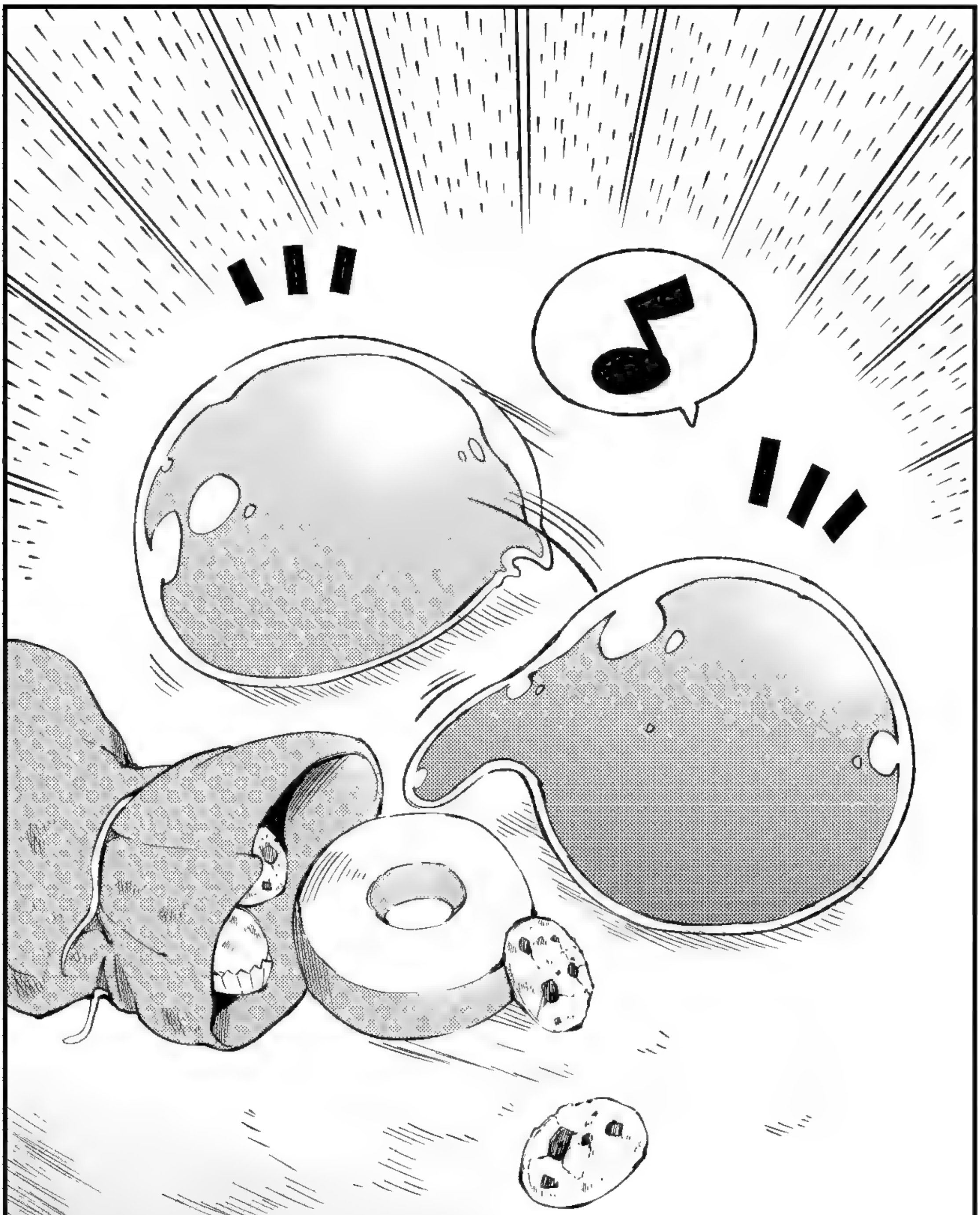
SO HOW I DO BEAT THIS THING?

HOW DO I SURMOUNT THE INSURMOUNTABLE?

WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO DEFEAT THIS ANGRY AND OVERWHELMING MONSTER?

IT'S COMING!

SPRONG!



Chapter 96: “You’re Not You When You’re Hungry.”

WHAT THE...?

MY SNACK BAG...!

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SERIOUS ENCOUNTER WE WERE JUST HAVING?

SPROING

IT WANTED THESE MORE THAN ME?

BOING

WAIT, WAS IT ONLY PISSED OFF...

UNLESS...

...BECAUSE IT WAS HUNGRY?!

GRRR

Take this!

THWAP

HEY, UH...

WANT A BITE?

IF THAT'S HOW IT IS...

Fwip...

...THEN THIS MIGHT BE MY CHANCE!

Blorbyblorb♪

HOLY CRAP! IT'S WORKING!

IT SUDDENLY LOOKS SO CUTE!

Aaah!

Reach...

SLOWLY...

I CAN'T LOWER MY GUARD HERE...

YES! IT TOOK A BITE!

NOM

...BUT SURELY...

NOT TILL IT'S HAD ITS FILL...

WAAAAH!

D-DID IT TASTE BAD?!

I'M SORRY, DON'T HURT ME!

KA SPARK TA

WHAT A RELIEF.

Nom nom nom

YOU WANT MORE?

Wiggle jiggle

HUH?

YOU... LIKED IT?

EAT UP, YEAH?

DASH

DID YOU DEFEAT THE SLIME?!

HARUKA!

boing

Sproing

Bread crust

Here ya go.

WHY IS IT SO FRIENDLY ALL OF A SUDDEN?!

WHAT IS IT, A DUCK AT A POND?!

B-BUT EVEN SO, ISN'T IT A DUNGEON BOSS?

CAN'T IT STILL HURT US?

Stuffed!

AW, IT'S PRETTY CUTE UP CLOSE.

IT'S NOT ANGRY WITH US ANYMORE, AND I DON'T SEE ANY REASON TO KILL IT NOW.

Jiggle Wiggle

I DON'T THINK IT'S IN THE MOOD ANYMORE.

GRIN

IT'S BEEN STUCK HERE WITHOUT COMPANY OR A PROPER MEAL.

...THAT SLIME IS LIKE ANGELICA. ALL ALONE, BEING THE BOSS OF A DUNGEON.

BESIDES, IF YOU ASK ME...

I WONDER... HOW MANY LONERS ARE LIVING IN THIS WORLD RIGHT NOW?

HEY, SLIME.

WANNA JOIN OUR FAMILY?
OR WHATEVER WE HAVE GOING.

Blorbles

HEY, CUT IT OUT!

AH HAH HAH!

ALL RIGHT!

I HAD A FEELING YOU WOULD!

NOM NOM NOM

White Loser Inn

OPEN

OM NOMNOM

NOM

NOM

KINOKO

HUNGRY LITTLE SLIME, AIN'TCHA?

Giving the girls a run for their money.

WE'RE OUTTA FOOD.

KA-EMPTY

Ah hah hah...

KINOKO

I'M GLAD YOU LIKE IT, BUT...

SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN!

MAYBE WE SHOULD SEE WHAT NAROGY HAS TO OFFER.

OMUI RELIES ON GROWING CROPS, SO I WANNA SEE IF WE CAN MIX IT UP A BIT.

I CAN ALSO CHECK IF OUR FAKE DUNGEON IS WORKING PROPERLY.

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY...

...I'LL FINALLY GET TO INVESTIGATE THE KINGDOM PAST NAROGY!

To be continued...

Maybe We Should Just Bring the Dungeon With Us?

"Wha?! That's way too harsh!"

"Whoa, that's gotta be some kinda cheat!"

"I dunno, the whole thing seems in pretty poor taste to me."

The frontier was supposed to be inhospitable, so nobody would really bat an eye at a dungeon so far away from town. That was the whole point of the fake dungeon, the perfect system of border control of Omui.

"Look, all I'm saying is that we should at least consider a trap that dissolves someone's clothing."

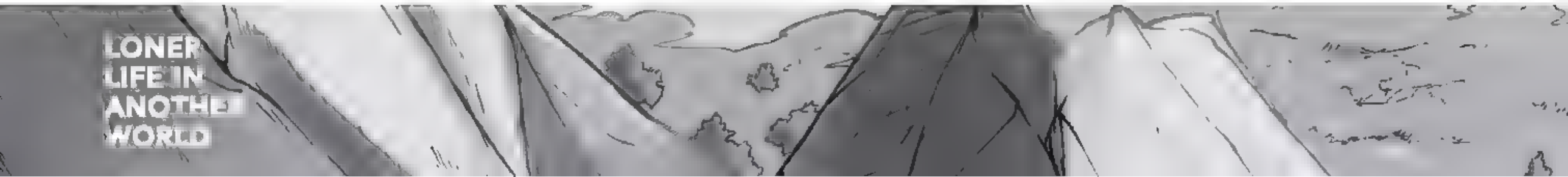
"That's such a dirty stereotype, though."

We were in the middle of some serious deliberations about the types of traps we'd put in the fake dungeon. There was so much back and forth, the ideas were hard to keep track of.

"You're basically suggesting to turn this whole place into some kinda masochistic gym. Why does it need to be so intense?"

"It'd be way more fun that way."

Both the nerds and jocks were so caught up in the fun of production that they'd forgotten the purpose of the dungeon in the first place. Every suggestion veered them off course by another mile from our initial plan.



"Why do you wanna make it fun?! We're trying to ensnare our enemies, not let them jog through and have a grand old time!"

It was already unclear just how strong the average person was in this world, not to mention we wouldn't know what sort of equipment any intruders would have on them when they entered the dungeon. It was why I wanted to consult with these guys in the first place, to ensure our traps were diverse enough to trip up any adversary. Unfortunately, it seemed the nerds were much more interested in constructing wild and wacky traps that wouldn't really work with my initial blueprint of the dungeon. I was beginning to regret asking them for their advice in the first place.

"Who do you think would even try to brave through our cave?"

"Definitely some female knights, right? Which means we should design our traps around some hot knights stumbling upon them. That's why we need a bunch of pitfalls for them to get trapped in!"

"Geez... What's the point of pitfalls if we don't have any giant boulders that chase people around?"

"What's the point in having giant boulders if our pitfalls will get the job done in the first place?! It's way cliché doing it your way!"

"But it does add more excitement that way, don't you think? They'll run around like headless chickens trying to escape!"

They were beginning to talk in circles. Personally, I thought the people of this world would easily be able to destroy any incoming boulder rather than run from one. It'd be possible for our intruders to know how to use magic, after all. These guys' fantasies kept them from seeing the very real threat of the foes we'd have to deal with.

"If we design something with a gradual decline, then we should also add a crumbling ledge to make it harder to jump over to the other side of the pit."

That sounded reasonable enough to me. If anyone entered with armor, we'd need more traps to incapacitate them in case they were capable of tanking their way through the other traps.

"I like it. Let's design our traps assuming most of the people coming in here are gonna be as dumb as these muscleheads. That'll give us good data on what will work or not."

"Hold up, that was way past the line!"

"No way."

"Hell yeah it was!"

What stuck in the back of my mind was how exactly we'd deal with anyone who'd bypass the dungeon entirely by climbing over it. My best idea would be to grease up the roof to make it slick to walk on, but I suppose we could

cook up something that would cut their ropes before they got that far.

"True. If they manage to get to the top, we'd just knock 'em back down!"

"But, hear me out, wouldn't it be funnier if they were pushed off and had their clothes melted off?"

"I dunno, all this talk of female knights got me thinking... Aren't adventures and the military mostly old dudes? Who'd wanna see their naked asses?! Blech! I imagine they'd have a way to cushion their fall too."

The main issue at hand basically boiled down to us not knowing how to handle the more skilled magic users. There was also the fact that our traps needed to be able to handle every type of adventurer possible. Though something could be said for generic traps that would disable the average intruder.

"Some of these just don't sit well with me."

"Maybe they're a reflection of your poor character."

"It's human nature to think dirty thoughts, okay?! Deal with it!"

Optical illusions, pitfalls, cliffs, devious mechanisms... We thought up a plethora of traps to deal with the many different types of people we imagined could get past our defenses.

"This why we need traps that dissolve stuff, man!"

"Why not use traps that cut things instead of melt them?"

"By that logic, why don't we just capture the intruders instead of trying to kill them?"

"Killing's way more edgy!"

In an Arthurian sense, sure, killing some gallant, knightly woman was "romantic," but this was getting too out of hand. Dead men tell no tales and all that...but I didn't want to turn this dungeon into a killing factory.

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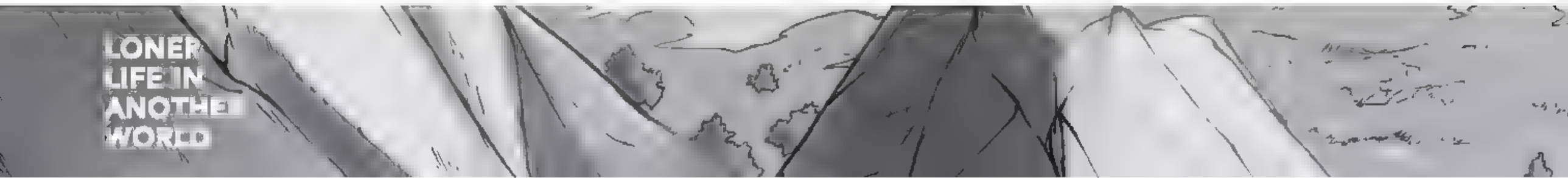
"And that's pretty much what our discussions devolved to..."

"Oh, yes, they're absolutely going to get lectured about that!"

Just as I was wondering if she'd come back, stalker girl had returned with a report of the goings on. Apparently, the boys were planning some weird ideas to trap women, or something along those lines. They clearly needed a reprimanding, and boy was I ready to give them one!

Episode end.



Hey, everyone! How do you spend your free time? Do you read manga? Watch anime? Or are you more into games? Right now I'm something of a gamer myself. Ah, let me say a proper hello first, though. Hey, Bibi here!

Western videogames are so cool! I spent most of my life avoiding them because I always thought they were kinda weird. Boy, was that a stupid mindset! Recently, I've been exposed to so many cool western games that I'm spoiled for choice.

One shouldn't be picky or judgmental. Having an open mind to stuff is really the best way to live.

Now I'm thinking about other things I've avoided that I might end up enjoying... What next, I wonder? I hate horror stuff, so maybe I'll try going to a haunted house or something.

Before I do anything, though, I'd better clean my room. As far as my own personal growth goes, that's my greatest weakness... Someday I'll learn to tidy up better!

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Bibi

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You're really doing something special, Bibi, I must hand it to you. Usually when I write my stories, I tend to think it's better for the reader to just envision the details themselves, so I end up skipping a lot of the finer details. Hell, I often just neglect to explain the story and I keep things flowing at their own pace. That's why I'm so impressed by the manga version. This version of my story really is Bibi's own spin on things, and I appreciate how the world is shown through their lens. I hope everyone involved in the creation and reading of this manga enjoy it as much as I enjoyed creating the basis for it.

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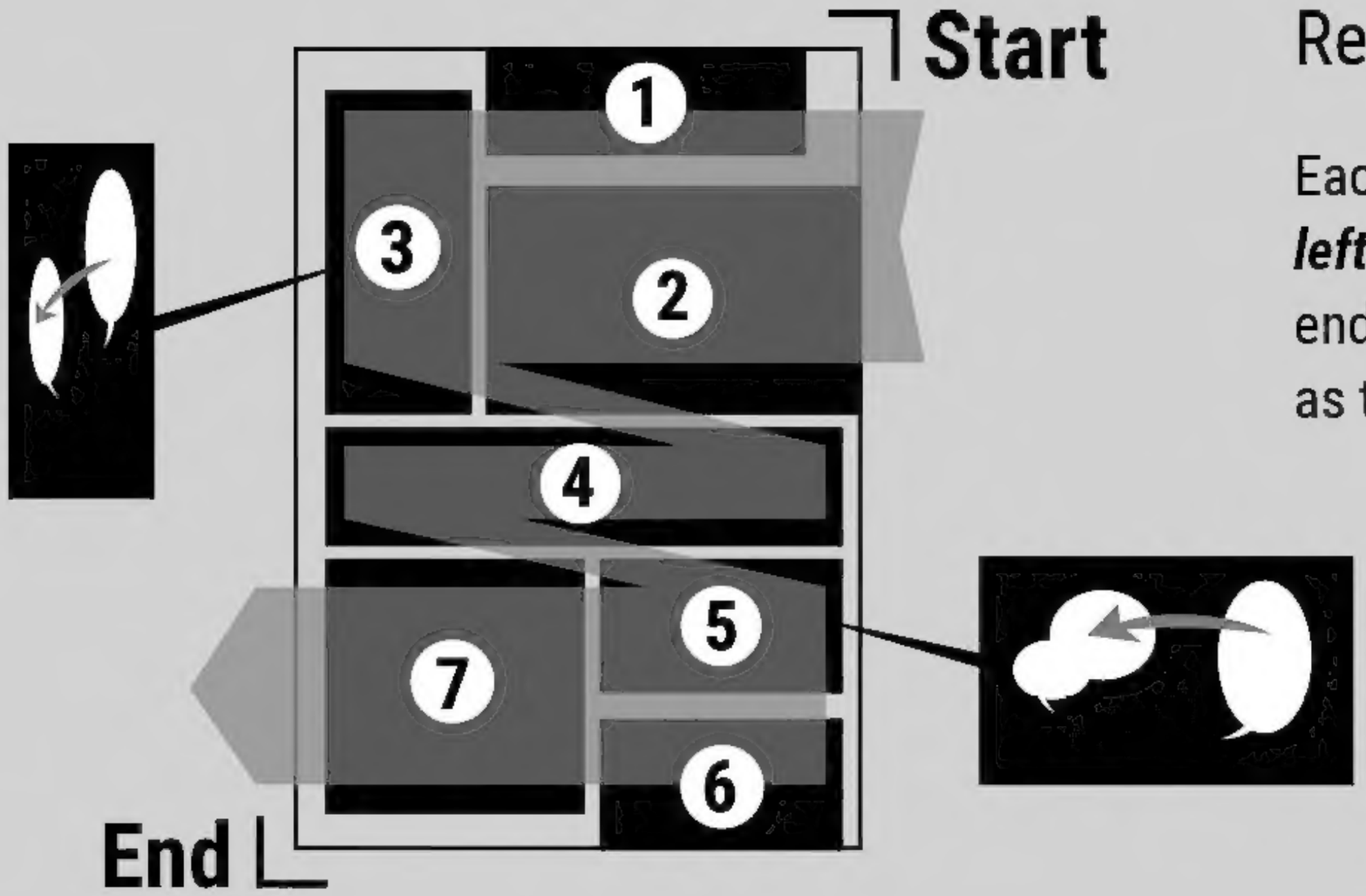

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LALA
LALA♪

I'M GLAD HE'S NOT ALL ALONE IN THAT DANK DUNGEON ANYMORE.
THE SLIME IS PRETTY POPULAR WITH THE YOUNGER TEAM MEMBERS.

GRAB
WHAT, YOU WANT ME TO JOIN IN?
HUH?

MAKE IT STOP! MAKE! IT! STOP!
SPIN
SPIN
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OMUI BEHIND THE EIGHT BALL? NO WAY, NO HOW!

With the invasion from Lord Narogy halted, Haruka sets his sights on a bold new goal... A fake labyrinth! A dud of a dungeon! A bona fide faux-cave! If he can make it so the only way in or out of the frontier is blocked off by a deadly cavern, then our reluctant hero knows Omui will be safe until it's in a better position to defend itself! But to create this decoy deathtrap, he's gonna need to line it with the most ridiculous deterrents he can think of. And for once, just once, this lackadaisical loner decides he could use a little help from his friends! What will they cook up? How will they test it? And just who else might be setting envious eyes upon the frontier's bounty?

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